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PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 8159.0001-09

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Charles Eric HUNTER et al.

Application No.: 09/855,992

Filed: May 15, 2001

For: MUSIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS

Group Art Unit: 3621

Examiner: P. ELISCA

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action of October 8, 2002. The items checked below are appropriate:

- ☒ Applicants hereby petition for a three months extension of time to respond to the above Office Action. The fee of \$465.00 (small Entity) for the Extension is enclosed.

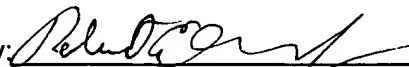
The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	8	-	89	0	x \$ 18	\$ 0.00
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Subtotal						\$ 0.00
Reduction by 1/2 if small entity						-
TOTAL						\$ 0.00

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$465.00 to cover Petition for Three Months Extension of Time is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Dated: April 7, 2003

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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated October 8, 2002, the period for reply having been extended for three months by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-13, 15-24, 29-35, 37, 39-57, 59-67, 72-78, 80, and 82-96, and add new claims 97-104 as follows:

97. (New) A system for distributing music to a plurality of customer households, the system comprising:

(a) a data transmission system for blanket transmitting a plurality of music selections to the plurality of customer households in digital format;

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